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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

United States of America,) Mag. No. 08-0130M
Plaintiff,)
vs.) ORDER RE: EXTENDING TIME
Alberto Santos-Ibarra,) TO INDICT
Defendant.)

HAVING considered Defendant Alberto Santos-Ibarra's Motion to Extend Time to Indict and good cause having been shown;

THE COURT makes the following findings:

17 1. Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;

18 2. The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by the

19 government;

20 3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to

21 considering the government's plea offer;

22 4. The government's plea offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the

23 Court, would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of

24 imprisonment;

25 5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to

26 indictment, the government will withdraw said plea offer and any

27 subsequent plea offer after indictment would likely be less advantageous

28 to the defendant;

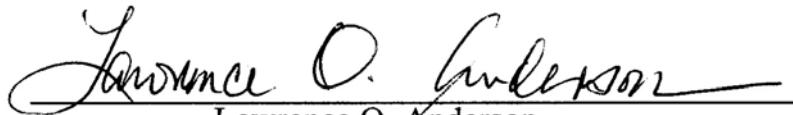
1 6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate
2 to bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a
3 meaningful way prior to indictment; and

4 7. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest
5 of the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendant's Motion to Extend Time for
7 Indictment requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within the government may seek
8 to indict defendant, is hereby granted.

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C.
10 § 3161, the Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely
11 Indictment. Excludable time shall begin to run on the 31st day after arrest for a period
12 of thirty (30) days in which the Government may present the case to the grand jury.

13 DATED this 9th day of May, 2008.

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16 Lawrence O. Anderson
17 United States Magistrate Judge

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